

# CITY OF LODI

## COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Approve Membership Agreement Between Northern California Joint Pole Association and City of Lodi

MEETING DATE: February 4, 1998

SUBMITTED BY: Electric Utility Director

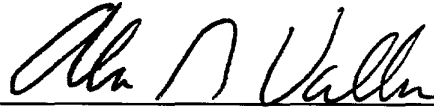
**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** That the City Council approve the membership agreement between the Northern California Joint Pole Association and City of Lodi and authorize the City Manager to execute the membership application and the agreement on behalf of the City.

**BACKGROUND:** The Northern California Joint Pole Association (NCJPA) was established in 1913 by various utilities to develop procedures and practices for the joint use of utility poles. Such items as ways, means, standards, procedures and methods for joint pole use are defined in the agreement. The objective being for two or more members to voluntarily own or occupy poles and their appurtenances jointly so as to maintain the least number practicable for all purposes on streets, roads, highways, alleys, private property and other places. The association also maintains records of such poles and their apparatus or equipment.

The City of Lodi until now has operated utilizing various agreements, some dating back to 1938, with other area utilities. These practices and agreements are no longer acceptable to the other utilities and therefore, either new agreements must be negotiated for continued joint pole construction and use or the City can join NCJPA and benefit from well established and proven practices, procedures and cost allocations for joint pole use by utilities. The latter option is the preferred since it is already utilized successfully between the other utilities with which the City is doing joint pole work and has proven to be an effective method of joint pole utilization and administration.

The annual cost for membership is estimated at \$2,000 for the City based on its size and anticipated utilization of the association's staff. It is anticipated that this cost will be totally offset by the reduction in staff time as compared to past practices for joint pole agreements, billings and record keeping.

**FUNDING:** Available within the Department's Administration Budget. (Page D-27, 1997-99 Fiscal Period Plan and Budget)



Alan N. Vallow  
Electric Utility Director

**Funding Approval:**

  
Vicky McAthie, Finance Director

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c: City Attorney

Approved

  
H. Dixon Flynn  
City Manager

RESOLUTION NO. 98-24

A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL APPROVING THE  
MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE NORTHERN  
CALIFORNIA POWER JOINT POLE ASSOCIATION AND THE CITY OF  
LODI

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BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lodi City Council does hereby approve the  
Membership Agreement between the Northern California Power Joint Pole Association  
and the City of Lodi; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Manager is hereby authorized and  
directed to execute the Membership Agreement on behalf of the City of Lodi.

Dated: February 4, 1998

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I hereby certify that Resolution No. 98-24 was passed and adopted by the City  
Council of the City of Lodi in a regular meeting held February 4, 1998 by the following  
vote:

AYES: Council Members – Land, Mann, Pennino, Warner and  
Sieglock (Mayor)

NOES: Council Members - None

ABSENT: Council Members - None

ABSTAIN: Council Members - None

  
ALICE M. REIMCHE  
City Clerk